the 8th plan period research in the application of Recombinant DNA technology will increase. So far as the Department of Biotechnology is concerned, at present four specialised and exclusive genetic engineering units at Madurai Kamraj University—Madurai, Jawaharlal Nehru University —New Delhi, Banaras Hindu University—Varanasi and Indian Institute of Science—Bangalore have been commissioned and are functioning. Presently there is no proposal to set up any other new centre exclusively devoted to the work relating to recombinant DNA Technology in the 8th Plan period.

Multi-use hospital computers

*105. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sophisticated multi-use hospital computers, capable of handling multiple hospital operations are proposed to be introduced in various Government Hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, what progress has been made so far and what proposals are under implementation for introduction of such multi-use hospital computers; and

(c) what provision has been made for computerisation of hospital facilities during the last three years and in the current year, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Provisions of all equipments including computers in various Government Hospitals is the responsibility of respective State Government/U.T. administration. As far as the Central Government is concerned, there is no proposal under consideration for equipping various Government hospitals in the country with multi-use hospital computers. However, a decision for computerisation in All India Institute of Medical Sciences Hospital has been taken. The main-frame computer system Medha 180/930-31 A has been procured. Terminals and printers are being installed and software for patient care management system is under development.

Irradiation of sewage

*107. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any experimental plans to irradiate sewage in other cities besides Baroda; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government have consulted West Germany/Sweden/New Zealand, etc. who are opposed to irradiation on sound Scientific reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The sewage irradiation plant at Baroda is a demonstration plant. The plant is in the process of being commissioned. The question of setting up such plants in other cities will be considered after studying the results obtained therefrom.

(b) West Germany has a sewage treatment plant in operation and we have been exchanging information with them. We have also information about similar plants being operated in USA and Japan. Certain citizens groups in different countries are opposed to nuclear techniques not always on Scientific grounds.

Sale of Sura in Delhi

*108. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sura, an Ayurvedic preparation with 30 per cent alcoholic content, is being sold in Delhi; and